

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 LAGOS 11302 301542Z

65

ACTION INR-07

INFO OCT-01 AF-08 ISO-00 CIAE-00 NSAE-00 EUR-12 (ISO) W

----- 103609

P R 301514Z SEP 76

FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS

TO AMEMBASSY ROME PRIORITY

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 7088

C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 11302

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS: PINR, NI, IT

SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO ITALY

REF: ROME 15960

1; IGNATIUS JULIUS DAWER DURLONG WAS BONR 1930 IN PLATEAU PROVINCE (NOW PLATEAU STATE), NORTH-CENTRAL NIGERIA. AFTER WORKING FOR SEVERAL YEARS AS A TEACHER AND HEADMASTER, HE TRAVELED TO U.K., STUDIED AT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, MIDDLESEX, AND WORKED (1958-60), WITH COMMISSIONER FOR NORTHER NIGERIA IN LONDON AT STUDENTS' WELFARE OFFICE.

2. MADE A SENIOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO NORTH NIGERIA GOVERNMENT IN 1960, DURLONG VISITED U.U. FROM APRIL TO JUNE 1961 UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF CARNEGIE CORPORATION OF NEW YORK TO OBSERVE CIVIL SERVICE PROCEDURES OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND STATE OF MINNESOTA. FROM 1962 TO 1966 HE SERVED AS PERMANENT SECRETARY OR ACTING PERMANENT SECRETARY IN THE FEDERAL MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

3. IN 1968 DURLONG WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO THE NETHERLANDS, AND IN 1973 AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN. HE PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT LEONE ON MAY 7, 1976. DURLONG HAS A RATHER DOUR APPEARANCE, BUT HE WARMS UP TO THOSE HE HAS MET SEVERAL TIMES. HE IS WESTERN ORIENTED BUT GENERALLY APOLITICAL. IN CONVERSATION HE CAN BE OUTSPOKEN, BUT HE VOICES DISAGREEMENT SOFTLY. DURLONG IS REGARDED AS A MAN OF CHARACTER AND HONESTY.

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 LAGOS 11302 301542Z

A ROMAN CATHOLIC, HE IS MARRIED WITH AT LEAST THREE CHILDREN.

EASUM

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE, BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 30 SEP 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ShawDG
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976LAGOS11302
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X2
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760369-0644
From: LAGOS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t1976093/aaaaacgj.tel
Line Count: 62
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION INR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 ROME 15960
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ShawDG
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <05 MAY 2004 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <31 AUG 2004 by ShawDG>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO ITALY
TAGS: PINR, NI, IT, (DURLONG, IGNATIUS JULIUS DAWER)
To: ROME
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006